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Brown Vs. Board Of Education Lecture Series Commences

By KATIE TELLER
Viewpoints Editor

When Gaye Adegbalola was growing up on Douglas Street in Fredericksburg, all her neighbors were black. Lewis Street was all white and Winchester Street was all black.

Adegbalola, a Boston University graduate and teacher in Fredericksburg schools, talked to a sparse crowd in Great Hall about this segregation last night when the college celebrated the 50th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas.

Several local figures whose lives were affected by the court decision spoke at last night's program, which was the second in a two-part series.

The program is part of a Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA) initiative to celebrate the impact of the case.

Carolyn Parsons, the college's special collections librarian and Phyllis Johnson, government documents specialist, worked together to plan the lectures as well as the Brown vs. Board display on the first floor of Simpson Library.

Parsons said the college was an ideal place for the lecture because of the huge local impact.

By ruling that the "separate but equal" decision of *Plessy v. Ferguson* was inherently unequal and unconstitutional, the Brown decision paved the way for nationwide desegregation.

Appropriately, the title of the lecture was "Opening Doors, Opening Minds."

The Gospel Travelers, a traveling choir associated with the Fredericksburg Baptist Association, opened the night with soulful numbers.

Princess Moss, a 1983 Mary

Washington College graduate exemplifies the change that Brown brought about in the education system.

A longtime elementary music teacher in Louisa County Elementary Schools, Moss will become president of the Virginia Education Association this August.

The Spotsylvania native and Mary Washington College alumna gave a history of the case and its implications have played in his career as a judge. He expressed concern that "secondary segregation," or segregation within integrated school systems, is becoming an issue.

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Moss also expressed her concern that schools are becoming re-segregated as a result of economic backgrounds of students—students who come from poor families will not receive as good an education as students from wealthy families.

Though problems still persist, "we are nowhere near where we were fifty years ago before the Civil Rights Revolution," Moss said.

Moss said she believes the school system can make strides forward with better federal funding and better standards for teaching and learning.

Judge John Whittier Scott, Jr., who graduated as a part of the first integrated class of James Monroe High School participated in the roundtable discussion with Adegbalola and former mayor of Fredericksburg, the Rev. Lawrence Davies.

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Lars Holstrom, a student in the class, was pleased Atwell-Vasey made the lecture a requirement. The impact and nature of the case were relevant and interesting, Holstrom said.

Mary Washington College has become, thanks to *Brown*, "an institution that seeks not just to accommodate, but to celebrate the experiences of all of its students," Rucker said.

Parsons and Johnson concurred, noting the now-prominent Multicultural Center, the groups that allow every ethnicity to have a voice and the influence of James Farmer.

"How it was to what it is now—there is progression," Johnson said. "It's a reflection of how things have gone in the right direction."

At the roundtable discussion, Davies said, "Desegregation came as a result of the law. Integration came when people out of the goodness of their hearts chose to interact."

Though desegregation has been widespread, the United States still has a long way to go until it is fully integrated, he said.

When asked if she thought the legacy was lost, Adegbalola mentioned the lack of students and teachers at the lecture and said she did believe the legacy has been lost.

"There will be progress, but there will be regression," Davies said.



Andrew Desi/Bullet

Princess Moss speaks to students and faculty at the Brown v. Board of Education Lecture Series.

BOV Reviews The Honor Code

By COREY BYERS
Assistant News Editor

On April 1 the Mary Washington College Board of Visitors met with the new, outgoing and past honor council presidents to discuss proposed changes to the honor code.

While no formal changes have been made, the board plans to work with the honor council and the rest of the student body to make changes within the next year.

"The Board of Visitors sees this as a friendly review of the Honor Council," Rector of the board Dor Egleyevsky said. She went on to describe the process, which she said will go into the next academic year, as "inclusive as opposed to exclusive."

After reviewing the honor code, one member of the board said she found that the current written code does not accurately reflect what was changed in 1990.

The newly-elected Honor Council president, junior Cris Clapp, explained how the honor code is currently written and responded to some issues that the board is concerned with.

One of the main concerns some members of the board have are in regards to non-academic honor offenses remaining on a student's permanent transcript, Clapp said. One member said since non-academic offenses do not concern academics, they should not remain on the transcript.

Clapp said for non-academic offenses sanctions such as social probation and community service can be given to a student. Currently, those offenses are on the transcript and she believes they should stay on in the future.

"When someone commits an offense...it's an offense against the community," Clapp said.

Clapp also said she just met with other Honor Council members as well as residence hall councils before April 1 in order to discuss this and other matters. She said most of the residence hall councils agreed with her belief to not only keep community service as a sanctioning option for offenses but to keep those on a student's transcript as well.

A board member said a step could come between a student completing his or her service hours and removing the offense from the transcript. For example, a student could write an essay or meet with the Board of Visitors and Honor Council to discuss what they learned in the time after the offense occurred.

Clapp said sanctions given under the honor code are supposed to be a learning experience. She said she would be in support of such a step as opposed to just removing violations off the transcript once community service hours have been completed.

Another problem raised by the Board at the meeting was how case summaries of honor violations should be made public to students. Efforts were made in past years to print summaries in *The Bullet*, but the Board and Honor Council, for several reasons, were unable to do so.

Clapp said case summaries, if published, will include the honor charge, the dates it applies to and sanctions given for the charge. Students' names will not be used in the disclosure of code violations.

During the meeting a concern was raised over how offenses are handled if they occurred during finals.

In these cases, Clapp said the trial for the offense has to occur after the break following the final exam in question.

She said theoretically if a student was in a higher level class and committed the offense in a pre-requisite class, the student could lose credit for both. The student would have to take the pre-requisite and the upper level class over for credit as a result of the original infraction.

Currently honor code violations can result in academic or social probation, community service hours, probation, suspension or expulsion depending on the severity of the situation.

As of now, Clapp said academic offenses can get non-academic sanctions.

"They could just get community service if it's a small infraction," Clapp said.

She said for the most part students who commit academic offenses get a failing grade in the course and sometimes they are assigned community service.

The Board also raised the question of how levels of gradation are used in determining a student's punishment for offenses.

"Certain behaviors are more egregious than others," Egleyevsky said.

In the interview afterward, Clapp explained how sanctions are given to students. While there is no written system of gradations for the severity of offenses, the Honor Council looks at similar past honor violations as well as the details of the case at hand in order to determine a sanction.

"We take all things into consideration," she said. "Every case is different...we tailor sanctions to the case."

Clapp said under the current system, changes are made to the code when the Board of Visitors, Honor Council members or students want to make a change.

"Even students can propose an amendment," Clapp said.

The student body has to approve the change by the majority in a vote. The Board does the final approval of any changes made to the code.

The Board plans to meet with Clapp in June to further discuss updating the code and its wording.

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Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
Staff Writer



April 13-Campus police responded to a report that a Honda Civic parked in the Sunken South Parking Lot did not have any wheels. The tires and alloy rims were stolen from the car. A 21-year-old resident of New Hall, who is the owner of the vehicle, was unaware of the theft. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

April 15-At 11:10 a.m., the Fredericksburg Fire Department reported to campus police there was a ruptured gas main at the construction site at Trench Hill. Construction workers cut into the line while working. There was no explosion and no injuries.

April 17-At 3:05 a.m., campus police responded to a report that bicycle helmets were found outside the campus center. It was discovered that a storage room in Willard Hall was broken into. There was nothing reported missing besides the helmets. Significant evidence was recovered from the scene and the case is under investigation.

April 17-At 9:11 a.m., it was reported to campus police that a city resident's vehicle was damaged while parked in either the Willard Parking lot or the Battlefield parking lot. Damages are estimated at \$200 and the case is under investigation.

April 18-At 2:43 a.m., campus police responded to a report that there was a fight

in front of Jepson Hall. When police arrived, the three suspects were seen entering New Hall. Police found a 19-year-old resident of Russell Hall, an 18-year-old resident of Jefferson Hall and a 20-year-old resident of Jefferson Hall drinking and underage. The students claimed that they were not actually fighting, but talking loudly. The students were referred to administration.

April 18-At 9:30 a.m., a campus police officer on bike patrol noticed that the "No Skateboarding" signs of George Washington Hall, Back Drive, and Chandler Lot was removed. A work order has been placed to replace the signs.

April 17-At 12:29 a.m., a police officer observed two males walking off-campus to William Street. One male drank a beer and threw it into the grass on campus. The 25-year-old male resident of Fredericksburg was found to be sober and of age. He was issued a trespassing warning for littering.

April 17-At 2:19 a.m., campus police responded to a report that a student was vomiting outside Mason Hall. Police arrived to find an 18-year-old resident of Mason Hall vomiting while sitting on the steps of the side entrance. The student was repeatedly offered to be transported to the hospital and informed that if he did not go he would be arrested. The student declined and was arrested for being drunk in public.

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which will be held Sept. 9 through 11.

This is not the first time *The Bullet* placed at the SPJ competition. The paper picked up second place in the 2002 competition under editor-in-chief Julie Stavitski and won third place in the 2001 competition under editor-in-chief Ryan Hamm.

The editors couldn't be happier with their accomplishment.

"I think it's fabulous to see that our rigorous editing, our attention to detail and late hours have really paid off," said News Editor and sophomore Betsy Crumb.

Sophomore Katie Teller, this year's Viewpoints editor and next year's editor-in-chief, agreed.

"We won because we all worked really hard and we had really high standards," she said.

Senior Portia Smith, this year's associate editor, also agreed.

"Most people don't realize how hard we work in *The Bullet* office each week," she said.

Associate Professor of English, Linguistics and Speech and *Bullet* advisor Steve Watkins is proud, as well.

"Really, this is all a tribute to the hard-working student journalists at Mary Washington College who couldn't be more deserving of this honor," he said.

The Bullet staff said they encountered many obstacles this year, which makes the SPJ award all the more important to everyone.

"We hear a lot of criticism from students and faculty, but there is a group of professional journalists who think we're doing well," Teller said.

Senior Conor Reilly, this year's editor-in-chief, said the award should put *The Bullet* into the positive light it deserves.

"In spite of numerous administrative obstructions, the *Bullet* staff still put out the best college newspapers in the middle Atlantic, and I think the best weekly paper in the nation," he said. "I think this honor should send a message to this administration and the community at large that our coverage and our ethics are second to none."

Smith agrees.

"Some [people] don't think we are a real paper that covers real stories, but hopefully they will see that we are a real paper, we do cover real stories and we do work hard," she said. "They might not notice *The Bullet*, but the Society of Professional Journalists does."

Watkins said the challenges only made the paper better.

"I think thanks are due to the MWC administration and others in the college community who have served in a variety of ways as a wonderful laboratory for the student journalists at *The Bullet* who honed their interviewing, writing and reporting skills," he said.

"They were paranoid," he said.

Earlier in the year, a female friend of the three teenagers wanted to switch telephone providers. But when she called, the company told her she couldn't change. The government tapped her phone, he said.

Wade said he would have liked to major in sociology at Mary Washington College. He's taken a couple classes and took a liking to it.

"I look at the world like a sociologist," he said.

Wade doesn't know where he'll serve his time, but said it will probably be at a minimum security prison in Petersburg, Va.

"I won't be raped and tortured," he said. "It will just be three incredibly boring years."

He plans to continue higher education while in prison. And after he serves his time, he'd like to travel.

Wade's mother, Jeannie, did not wish to comment.

Bud Wade said his parents are handling the situation relatively well.

"They're as cool as could be expected," he said.

Cervantes-Carson had Wade as a student in his principles of sociology course last semester. Because of the size of the class, he wasn't able to get to know Wade well. But he did characterize Wade as, "a good, critical, informed, well-articulated student."

At the end of the day, Wade said, he wouldn't advocate this type of activism to anyone.

"I'm not really sure about what the right course of action is," he said. "I was totally unsuccessful in all my goals, including not getting caught."

And though "The Richmond Three," as the Earth Liberation Front Web site calls them, did do a good deal of damage to enemies of the environment, those enemies had the last laugh, Wade said.

In addition to the three-year sentence, he was ordered to pay \$204,000 restitution to the companies whose property was destroyed.

"I ended up paying retail for everything," he said. "McDonald's made money off of me."

According to associate professor of sociology Tracy Citeroni who is one of four faculty

said, "I tell my students that no matter what sort of personality they encounter, to look on it as a learning experience, because the types of administrators they are encountering now they will be dealing with for the rest of their reporting lives."

Junior and Scene Editor Lesley Johnson thinks the award simply gives credit where credit is due.

"I think that by winning this competition it will give more recognition to the editors who put in all the hours behind the scenes that the students never know about," she said. "It's also nice to be told by other professional journalists besides our advisor that we're doing an awesome job."

The editors think the Feb. 27, 2003, Oct. 23, 2003 and Dec. 4, 2003 issues of *The Bullet* submitted to the SPJ speak for themselves.

"We're always trying to take creative risks in our layout design in the hopes of drawing the readers to the story," Johnson said. "The pictures draw you in, but the stories keep you there."

Looking back on her layouts, Teller said she is pleased with how they turned out.

"I was really happy with my layouts, but winning this gives me a lot of confidence," she said.

Those returning to the staff next year all have high expectations firmly in place and are looking forward to starting a new year.

"I feel very challenged, honored and delighted to be working with such a talented staff," Teller said.

Crumb feels the same way.

"I feel lucky to be a part of such a staff and I hope to continue the tradition next year," she said.

Sophomore and next year's Associate Editor Andrew Hall said he is very happy for this year's staff and has several plans for setting the paper up for success next year.

"I want to expand our coverage to include the Fredericksburg community and work on the Web site," he said. "There's no reason we can't win again with talent we have."

This year's staff also expects great things for next year.

"Hopefully people who have criticized *The Bullet* in the past will realize that Mary Washington has a really good thing in this newspaper," DeAngelis said.

Reilly said next year's staff is "equipped to handle any obstacle that will arise."

Watkins said next year's staff is definitely set up for success.

"The legacy is you have trained outside student journalists to replace the graduating seniors this year," he said. "This college ain't seen nothing yet. I am proud and honored to be associated with such a fine group."

Reilly only had one more thing to say about his co-bulletinists.

"I am so f---ing proud of this staff."

The Right To Choose: Women's Lives March

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Feminist Majority Foundation, the March for Women's Lives on Sunday is an effort to draw attention to issues affecting men and women on a national and international scale.

"Ultimately we want to bring women's issues to the forefront, especially with the elections coming up," Peterson said. "We want voters to be informed. We want to raise awareness about reproductive rights that most people aren't aware of."

Peterson started working for the Feminist Majority Foundation one year ago and explained the organization as one that strongly emphasizes the idea of an inclusive majority, and Henderson agreed.

Henderson and Peterson have discussed the possibility of forming an Feminist Majority Foundation chapter at Mary Washington College in the fall

and Henderson reiterated a commitment to feminism regardless of political orientation or personal beliefs.

"Our overall goal is to be inclusive," Henderson said. "You can be a feminist and pro-life. That's why it's called the feminist majority. It's too bad that so many people think that feminist is the F-word."

But women aren't the only ones getting involved, clearly.

Junior Jeremiah Sturgill first heard about the Feminist Majority Foundation March for Women's Lives from Henderson and he signed up right away because of his strong feelings about access to health and privacy.

"I signed up because I agree with what the March supports," said Sturgill. "This is about protecting Roe v. Wade, but this is also about rights to privacy...rights to autonomy."

Sturgill and several others mentioned a deep concern about the Bush administration trying to overturn Roe v. Wade, a case in 1973 that led to the legalization of abortion in the first trimester.

Sharrocks, a senior, said even though Roe v. Wade is important, it isn't the only issue and people should come out simply if they believe in the opportunity of choice.

"It is really, really important to come out if you believe in the right to choose," Sharrocks said.

"Regardless of whether you share the same view."

"Don't forget your shirt."



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In all our conversations, I made it clear that I was against arson.

John Wade

these charges could have been much worse, Wade said.

"I really easily could have been tried under the Patriot Act," he said, "for essentially breaking windows."

After the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, Congress passed this new set of laws designed to combat terrorism.

If Wade hadn't plea bargained, he could have been charged with acts of terrorism under the laws and faced a minimum of 15 years in prison.

"What I did was not terrorism," he said.

Alejandro Cervantes-Carson, Wade's sociology professor last semester, agreed. Cervantes-Carson said the government used Wade and his friends as scapegoats.

"They wanted to make a case that has no case," he said.

Wade also said that even though his punishment did not fit the crime, it could have been more outrageous if he had not been white.

"They were easier on me," he said. "But next time it might be some poor black guy."

Wade and his partners did leave notes saying they were with the Earth Liberation Front, he said. But he denies he's a member.

"ELF is not what convinced or motivated me to my activism," he said.

Wade said his family is largely Republican. His friends got him involved with the environmental cause in high school.

At Douglas S. Freeman High School in Henrico County, Va., he joined an extracurricular environmental group called "Friends of Earth" when he was about 16. It was here he met Blackwell and Linas.

"Once I got into it, my involvement blossomed quickly," he said.

His friends suggested he read "Desert Solitaire" by Edward Abbey, a book containing poetic verses about nature and the environment.

This book led him to a second written by Abbey called the "Monkey Wrench Gang," a fictional story about people who protect the environment from road builders and miners.

Abbey's work spawned a generation of environmental extremism and inspired Wade to "monkeywrench," a term the FBI uses to mean intentional sabotage and vandalism in order to protect nature.

But Wade wasn't quite as extreme as his two friends, he said.

"In all our conversations, I made it clear that I was against arson," he said.

In fact, Wade said he wasn't at the site where the attempted arson took place. But because he was associated with Blackwell and Linas, who actually lit the kerosene-

Viewpoints

Editorial Change Is A Good Thing

In a little over a week, Mary Washington College students will finish their final exams. Some will go home, some will graduate, some will leave to go on vacation.

Mary Washington is not the same as it was when students arrived in August.

This year, the school and student body went through a number of changes.

We have a new name, we have a new gym and we have new ID cards.

More importantly, the student body has undergone enormous change. This year, students have stood up to support the troops, to advocate gay marriage, to rally for a living wage, to demand a living wage, to stand up for women's rights, and to save the name.

The student body's passion for these issues is inspiring.

The Bullet has changed just as much as the school has. Despite staff changes and layout changes, we've come out on top according to the Society of Professional Journalists.

The level *The Bullet* is at now would be impossible without their guidance. The values they imparted on the new editors will allow *The Bullet* to deliver the same standard of excellence to our readers next year.

The year has taught everyone that change can be a good—especially when it is effected by the students.

Thanks for picking up *The Bullet* every week—we'll see you next year.



Peter Kelly/Bullet

A variety of student organizations came out for the April 9 Animal Rights Barbecue held by the College Republicans.

Student Clubs Find Harmony, Good Times Over Sizzling Grill

This article was written in response to "The Animal Rights Barbecue Is Wrong" (*The Bullet*, Apr. 8, 2004).

By COURTYN OSER
Guest Columnist

I wanted to respond to a negative editorial about the College Republicans in a recent edition of the paper. This past week, the College Republicans worked very hard to bring several events, including the Animal Rights Barbecue, to our normally apathetic campus.

As a College Republican, I was well-aware that the name was intended to be a joke; the purpose of the barbecue was simply to hang out

on a Friday afternoon, give out free food and our literature about PETA's extremist stances. Prior to the barbecue, the Vegan Action Club requested that we change the name of the event and we politely declined.

Personally, I was apprehensive because of the negativity leading up to the barbecue, but the actual event changed my mind. In spite of the five clubs protesting who did not agree with our message of free meat products under the banner of "Animal Rights," everyone seemed to have a great time. Lots of students came and enjoyed delicious hot dogs, hamburgers and even fish, since it was Good Friday. We were happy to share our point of view with the other clubs, and they seemed happy sharing their

opinions with us.

This event turned out very positively because it brought together several groups that normally do not socialize. We all had fun and enjoyed not only the weather and the food, but also each other's company.

The purpose of the event was to get the College Republicans' name out in a positive way. *The Bullet* may have felt that "the express purpose of this event is to divide—and ultimately piss people off," but that could not be further from the truth. In my opinion, every person who attended that barbecue met and befriended new people. On this campus, that is no small accomplishment.

Courtyn Oser is a senior

Meateaters, Defend Yourselves!

Student Responds To Comments On Barbecue, Gay Marriage

By ROBERT SIMPSON
Guest Columnist

In her New York Times bestseller "Shut Up & Sing," Laura Ingraham defines the elites in America as those whose "core belief—embraced with a fervor that does not allow for rational debate—is that they are superior to We the People. They are ahead of us in the evolutionary scheme of things...their brilliance is to be presumed. Their ways are to be emulated, never challenged. And without question, they are right and we are very, very wrong. But not just wrong—our stupidity and our vast numbers make us dangerous." One need look no further than *The Bullet* to find this point of view.

The first example is the editorial written by *The Bullet* in the April 8 edition. In it, the writer attacks the College Republicans for hosting an Animal Rights Barbecue.

After admonishing the Republicans throughout the editorial by pointing out that the

event doesn't "raise money for...cancer research or needy children," is insensitive to Catholics, and is divisive, the author assures us all that *The Bullet* is for free speech. However, they qualify this event as stupid, pointless and divisive.

Translation: You are Republicans and we hate you; unity is more important than right and wrong.

The interesting thing about this editorial is that it was published before the barbecue even took place. This reminds one of all the criticisms of "The Passion" before anyone saw a single scene. Not to be outdone in the field of prejudicial purity the president of the Animal Rights Club, Vivian Rakewat, wrote her own column attacking the barbecue (also before the event took place.)

In her column, she too chastised the Republicans for having the audacity to poke fun at a group of people who would probably make it illegal to eat meat if they could.

The oh-so-predictable and inevitable (and by now, quite tiresome) liberal link between Republicans and big business is made; this one being evil big tobacco (too bad the CR's didn't have pictures of cigarettes being tested on cows). You guys really need to get some new talking points.

The author also makes the amazing discovery that "calling the event an animal rights barbecue is a mockery of the animal rights movement."

She certainly has a firm grasp of the obvious. What she missed was the fact that the College Republicans were using humor to tell the extremists to be vegetarian if like. Eat dirt if it pleases you. Just don't tell me what I can and cannot eat.

It is one thing to tell me less animal fat in my diet is healthy, it is quite another to imply that all meat eaters are misguided, insensitive, cruel, sadistic morons. The whole point of the event was personal freedom. She goes to blame obesity on soda and heart disease on meat.

Translation: You people are too stupid to take care of yourselves so just eat what we tell you to and all will be well...kumbayah.

People have been eating meat for millennia. Animal testing for medical research has made it possible for humans to live longer lives. Lighten up and have a cheeseburger and a cream soda.

In the March 25 edition, Gregory Tavormina attempts to defend gay marriage by writing that people are against it because "they fear what they do not understand...that's why most people with a higher education tend to be liberal."

Translation: Conservatives are stupid. Just look at the amiable dunces Ronald Reagan and the moronic George W. Bush.

The author goes on to write that "what conservatives don't understand is that Americans don't fit their view of the traditional family."

Translation: again... conservatives are stupid and just don't get it. Listen to your intellectual superiors. You're not qualified to have a valid opinion on how you wish to see the American social ethic to evolve.

(Of course it just might be that conservatives wish to make right what has been slowly eroding. Just because change has occurred, doesn't make it good change.)

In the same edition, Ryan Green tells us all that for each one of us here at MWC, there is someone "destined" (doomed) to "inevitable blue-collar labor."

Translation: hard work is beneath me and all those blue-collar workers are uneducated and we must pity them. How incredibly elitist.

Guess what? All those poor, under-educated workers here that you so subtly put down, have opinions about food, and family, and marriage and culture. Even more unbelievable to you, many of them become much more successful than those people "with a higher education" who tend to be liberal."

In her book, Ingraham goes on to write that what really drives the elites crazy is that the vote of the inferior counts just as much as theirs. That's the real reason they can't get their obviously superior agenda adopted. It's just not fair. They are the smart, the educated. Theirs is the superior moral position.

Theirs is, to quote Kahn Singh, "clearly the superior intellect" if you know who Kahn is you win a set of pointed ears.

Yeah, right.

Robert Simpson is a B.L.S. student

Eat dirt if it pleases you. Just don't tell me what I can and cannot eat.

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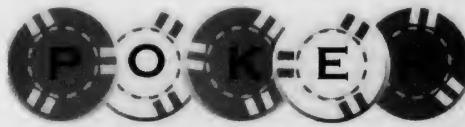
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Features



Students Cash In

By STEPHANIE TWINING
Features Editor

Freshman Matt Brown needs a few bucks to pay for dinner but he's not working to earn a living. He needs some extra cash and his job is simple: play poker and win at it.

At 9 p.m. on Thursday, Brown was hard at work trying to win some money from his buddies in the common area of Mason Hall.

"This is my job," Brown said, tossing one of his chips into the center. "This pays for my food. I don't eat if I don't win."

The other six people at the table nod their heads in agreement. While poker is a game that most play for fun and entertainment, high stakes betting can turn it into a weekly visit to the ATM for some. Brown estimates that he's collected an excess of \$375 over the semester.

Brown is one of the many Mary Washington College students who are catching on to the growing trend of playing poker. Students hold game nights in their dorms and apartments, where those with a passion for the game hash it out to win some much needed spending money.

Full House

Everyone's hands are revealed and the player to Brown's right, who wishes to remain anonymous, reached out with both hands and pulls over \$15 worth of chips towards him. In one hand, he managed to leap from having nothing to the position as the richest player at the table.

"That's the best part about poker," Moneybags said. "Big swings."

"Unbelievable," freshman Cory Levitt groaned as he examined his diminishing stack of chips.

Freshman Kathryn Bjorklund has spent her second \$10 buy-in early but her friend to her left, freshman Michael Bartlett donates a dollar so she can stay in the game. That's how the games are played—relaxed and friendly.

The next hand is dealt and rounds of betting ensue. The pot grows as players toss in the quarter whites, 50-cent reds, and an occasional dollar chip.

Meanwhile, across campus in the lobby of Jefferson Hall, another group of students are well into their own game of poker.

Freshmen Ehren Habbeck and Eugene He organize poker games in their dorm three to four times a week.

"We started because it seemed like a cool, chill thing to do," Habbeck said. "A few of the guys here knew how to play and I learned from them and now we've got new people who want to learn all the time."

He said he is thinking about starting a poker club for interested students. However, he said, "I don't know how that would work since it is gambling on campus."

Habbeck said most games they play have about a \$1 to \$2 "buy-in," the price you pay for enough chips to enter the game. However, some games involving more people can raise the stakes.

"There was a big game of about 40 people a while ago," Habbeck said. "There was a \$20 buy-

in and it became this whole day event."

The players in Mason Hall also join large games at other students' houses. In fact, Levitt admits to having been out playing poker until 5 a.m. the night before.

"If that's not addicted I don't know what is," he said.

Levitt said that even though the game wore into the early hours of the morning and only five players remained, there was still \$200 to be won.

Bjorklund offered her explanation of her friends' obsession with the game.

"Basically whenever there's money involved they stay and play," she said.

Eugene He admits that he gets worried playing in the bigger games, mostly because he's cautious about his wallet.

"You get nervous a little because that's a lot of money for a college kid," he said. He got started playing poker after seeing the World Series of Poker on ESPN and he and his friends decided to give it a try. After playing regularly for almost two years, He estimates that the most he's ever won was around \$50.

Moneybags over in Mason Hall remembers the hand he held when he won the most money about three weeks ago.

"I held a 10 and eight of hearts," he said.

As the other cards were turned, he realized that he had a straight but he continued to bet to see how high he could get the other player to go. He was eventually forced to bet all the chips he had.

"We both had straights," he remembered. "But mine was higher and I won. There was over \$150 in the pot. Of course half of that was mine, but I still was up \$74."

Prime Time Poker

In the past year, poker has gone mainstream and its fame has grown considerably. According to multiple poker Web sites, poker has more than 50 million regular players, making it more popular than tennis, golf and billiards as a form of recreation.

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That Thong Thong Thong Thong

First Person

By TOM BORAK
Sports Editor Emeritus



With summer on its way, warm weather wardrobes are on display once again. For many men, this means that women are back in bloom. Sweaters and pants are replaced with shorts, baby tees, and spring dresses. With the warm weather comes the emergence of yet another summer staple—the thong.

At a glance, it does not really seem like there is much to a thong at all—literally. But there is more to this phenomenon than initially meets the eye.

Much like a worm on a hook, these bottomless undies serve as a lure to catch the attention of unsuspecting men everywhere. The unmistakable "T" crosshairs peek out over the top of the belt and take relentless aim at any stray males.

There is an aura, a mystique surrounding these scraps of cloth, but why?

From a male perspective, having a small piece of fabric wedged up your butt all day doesn't sound like fun at all. What benefit can possibly be gained from such madness?

Spurred on by my curiosity, I asked several of my female friends, including my girlfriend, why thongs are so popular.

According to the ladies, thongs are the primary weapon in the war against underwear lines. The little fella sneaks up the back way, undetected, and allows the underwear to blend in with its surroundings as if it isn't even there.

This means that if a woman decides to throw on a pair of form-fitting shorts, she can safely venture out in public and people will not be able to discern whether or not she is wearing underwear at all!

Of course this begs the question, why not just go commando? Like most things concerning women, the answer is complicated.

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Thumbs Up... Thumbs Down...



To free stuff at Devil-Goat Day today.

And Lauren D.



To no AC in the hot weather.



To the last day of class tomorrow!



To Christina Aguilera being on Maxim's Hot 100 List.

Send your own thumbs to bullet@mwc.edu

From Casinos To Campus

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Since the premiere of "World Poker Tour" on the Travel Channel in March 2003, poker has found its way into millions of Americans' homes each week. With four different cable networks broadcasting games almost every night of the week, it's not hard to come across a game between professionals or even one with Coolio and Martin Sheen on Bravo's "Celebrity Poker Showdown."

"I've been watching a lot of poker on TV lately," Habeck said. "I like watching the pros do it because it's more intense."

According to a press release from World Poker Tour, the show became the Travel Channel's highest-rated series of 2003 and one of its all-time top two. The World Poker Tour was the first televised series of poker games ever in the U.S., and the first to reveal the players' cards to the viewing public through cameras planted under the tabletops.

Earlier this year, the Travel Channel aired a "World Poker Tour" spin-off for celebrities called "Hollywood Home Game." Every week Americans could tune in to watch players such as Ben Affleck, Jack Black, and Tom Green play for charity as well as a \$25,000 seat in the World Poker Tour Championships.

For some, poker still carries the stigma of a gambling-addict's back-alley pastime and its new rise to popularity comes as a surprise.

"I always thought of poker as something you play in a dark room behind a bar with men smoking cigars," junior Kim Kosciw said. "I had no idea people our age would pick it up as something fun to do. But clearly they have."

Don't Mess with Texas

No Limit Texas Hold 'Em is the game of choice in the professional tournaments and therefore also in the small dorm games.

"It's the Cadillac of poker," Brown said, prompting exaggerated groans from his friends at the table.

"A guy on TV calls it that," Levitt explained.

"I think it's the best version of the game," Brown said.

According to He, the game involves more skill, which makes it more interesting to watch and play.

"You can win with absolutely nothing if you know what to do," he said. "It's not all luck, but you have to read people."

"No limit" means that there is no maximum amount a player can gamble and therefore allows people to "go all in," or bet all their chips on a single hand if they like.

To play the game everyone is dealt two cards that only they can look at. There is one round of betting and then next comes the "flop." This is when the three community cards are placed face up in the middle of the table. The second round of betting then occurs followed by the "turn," when the dealer places another community card face up.

After another round of betting, the last community card called the "river" is turned over. Players try to make the best five-card

hand using any of their cards and the community cards. After a final round of betting, the cards are revealed and the winner takes all the chips.

Every poker player can tell you that there are countless variables involving strategies, statistics and psychology, but one of the most interesting facets to the game is bluffing.

According to ipokernews.com, "bluffing" or pretending to have better cards than you actually do is a fundamental strategy of the game.

"A player who bluffs usually bets higher than his or her cards warrant. The desire of the bluffer is to scare the other players out of the hand by making them think he or she is holding phenomenal cards," the online guide explained.

Eugene He said that he often bluffs in a game because it makes it interesting.

"I've bluffed a couple times and it's made the other people not play and then I end up winning that way," he said. "It's fun but you have to be careful."

Of course, you don't stand a chance at winning the game unless you have perfected the art of the one crucial thing: your poker face.

"You can get nervous but you can't let it show on the outside," he said. "You have to keep a straight face and not look happy or disappointed. The poker face is really important."

The Real Gamble

Virginia Code § 18.2-325 defines illegal gambling as "the making, placing or receipt, of any bet or wager in this Commonwealth of money or other thing of value, made in exchange for a chance to win a prize, stake or other consideration or thing of value, dependent upon the result of any game, contest or any other event the outcome of which is uncertain or a matter of chance, whether such game, contest, or event, occurs or is to occur inside or outside the limits of this Commonwealth."

In other words, poker is outlawed in Virginia.

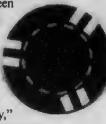
"I'm not too worried about it," Habeck said of the legality of his hobby. "We're really only betting small amounts of money."

Poker and any other type of gambling activity is not mentioned in the student handbook as prohibited and the fact that several resident assistants are eager to join games also puts poker-playing students like Habeck at ease.

You Win Some, You Lose Some

The game in Mason Hall comes to a close a little before midnight. Moneybags reaches under the table and pulls out the old cigar box full of the night's cash. He triumphantly counts out his winnings of \$100. Bartlett walks away having lost \$10 and Bjorklund is \$20 poorer. Brown and Levitt barely break even but they don't mind.

It was a night well spent.



Student Brightens Up Fridays

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class, noting that it takes an hour to get there because he stops to talk to so many people. In the afternoon, he pays a visit to the Eagles Nest, where his presence induces Dora Whiting's whistle blowing and a round of cheers from students.

Whiting bought the whistle last year, no doubt inspired by Vaswani's enthusiasm.

"The more he came in, the more exciting he made it," she said. "He makes it special, he really does."

Vaswani had considered doing a grand finale of sorts for the last week of school, but does not know if he will have time to pull it off.

As for his future as "The Happy Friday Guy," Vaswani is planning to lay low after graduation. He has a job lined up as a financial representative starting in June. Vaswani knows that there will be pressure to dress and act professionally, so he cannot continue the "Happy Friday" routine until he is completely comfortable with the atmosphere of the workplace.

"I don't think I can go meet clients with antennas on," he said, adding that he will continue to wear his smiley face boxes.

For now, though, Vaswani just wants to put a smile on people's faces. He and Whiting seem to be doing a good job, as is evidenced by student reaction.

"It's great to see someone so excited about Friday," said junior Lori Grisham.

Sophomore Andy Gringras agreed.

"It makes me happy that students are putting this kind of effort out to make other students happy," she said.

Some students were so intrigued by Vaswani's Friday ritual that they made a movie about him



Peter Kelley/Bullet
Senior Sameer Vaswani offers a smile to Eagles Nest employee Dora Whiting.

for the school's film contest in February. Vaswani's roommate had the idea of following him around and taping him on a Friday, and found out just how fast-paced Vaswani's Fridays are.

Even though Vaswani will no longer be at Mary Washington College after he graduates in May, Dora Whiting hopes to continue the tradition next year. She enjoys seeing everyone's reactions and making people smile.

"Friday comes and we get to blow the whistle and it's like everything is lifted off your shoulders," she said.

Sports Editor Dons Thong

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Thongs are a psychological booster. According to the women I spoke with, a thong generates a psychological sex appeal, which translates into a strong sense of confidence. They are also very versatile and can be worn for decoration, recreation, and even athletic competition.

The revelation of these secret powers intrigued me. I decided to take one for the team, for all of mankind. For 24 hours, I would try to harness the power of the thong.

With a little luck, I was able to capture a turquoise specimen from my girlfriend's underwear drawer. It was a Victoria's Secret V-string, size medium.

There was hardly enough material there to blow my nose with. How could it be expected to hold everything in place?

At midnight, the project commenced.

To my surprise, it was a good fit. The fabric formed a nice pocket and secured everything comfortably. Indeed, I felt strangely confident and sexy, like Tarzan. Perhaps there was something to the hype.

I woke up the next morning with the worst wedgie ever. I succeeded in extracting it, but with the first movement it was back. The whole concept of the thong requires this constant union and it is inescapable.

According to the women I questioned, it takes a while to get acclimated to this constant wedge sensation, but they assured me that once you get used to it, it feels natural.

I wondered how long it would take me to make that adjustment.

Halfway through my first class, I was feeling pretty good about the whole situation. I could still tell that I was wearing a thong—but just barely. I thought I had it conquered.

Then I stood up.

I imagine that wiping your butt with sand paper is just about as pleasant. The walk from Combs to Goofrick seemed a lot longer that day.

I arrived at the gym and headed to the locker room to dress out for volleyball class. This was the greatest challenge of the day.

I sought out the darkest, most secluded corner of the locker room to change. My sexy



women walked past me.

I cursed myself for my carelessness and realized that the squat was the only safe method to reach the ground without showing off my pastel apparel. I should have realized this from years of observation. Most thongs make their appearance when the subject is either seated or bending over.

The mental awareness

required for successful thong wearing is remarkable. One must always be alert and aware of one's physical limitations.

That evening I went to Invoice rehearsal but jocking around with a bunch of guys just isn't the same when you've got a thong up your butt. I left feeling beaten and ready to return to the normacy and comfort of regular underwear.

The power of the thong had backfired. The events of the day had worn me down rather than charged me up. The sexy confidence had been gone since gym. I had paid the price for the athletic activity and it grew more and more uncomfortable to walk.

When midnight hit, I showered up and put on my favorite pair of boxers. The experiment was over. I had fought the system and paid the price.

Think drugs. Don't do drugs, they say. Thongs are the same. They may seem promising, especially after talking to a woman, but be warned, the mysterious power of the elastic loincloth is a force to be reckoned with. Just say no.

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Sports

Ultimate Warriors

By DAVE BUSCHENFELDT
Sports Editor

Most athletes at Mary Washington College have never played in front of 8,000 people. Most never will. After this summer, freshmen Connor Maloney and Jenny Fey will be able to say that that is something they have experienced.

They will both be traveling to Turku, Finland in August to participate in the Ultimate Frisbee World Championships as members of the men's and women's U.S. Junior National Teams.

Maloney and Fey, members of the ultimate frisbee teams at Mary Washington, will travel across the Atlantic to compete against teams from ten to twelve countries from around the world. On the last day of the tournament they will get to play in a packed stadium that seats 8,000 fans.

"You're never going to play ultimate in the United States and have 8,000 people watching," Maloney said. "You're not going to play on a bigger level than that."

The road to Finland began in December when both players sent in applications to the Junior National Team. They had to provide peer recommendations and indicate the amount of experience they each had playing frisbee.

Both Maloney and Fey made the initial cut and were invited to a tryout for the teams. Two tryouts were held—one on the West Coast in Seattle and the other on the East Coast in Atlanta. Maloney and Fey made their way to Georgia where they had one weekend to show what they could do.

Tryouts were very difficult, with 40 men and 25 women fighting for only 18 spots on each team. Maloney was worked hard, playing for eight hours straight and then having to run a timed mile. Fey did not have an easy time either.

"Everyone told me that the girls that were coming to tryouts weren't going to be that strong, but they really were," Fey said. "It was an intense weekend."

Both Maloney and Fey were well-prepared for the tryouts, however, having three team practices a week at Mary Washington College and training on their own as well. Maloney made sure that he was ready for the challenge.

"I'm a little obsessive about it," he said. "Training for tryouts I probably put in three hours a day of running or lifting on top of the team practices. I did that six or seven days a week."

After the tryouts, Maloney and Fey both received the good news that they had made the Junior National men's and women's teams, respectively, and would be traveling to Finland for the World Championships.

The tournament will be held from August 1-7, 2004. All the players on the two teams will meet in Amherst, Massachusetts for a mini training camp before they board the plane to Finland on July 31. The camp will last a few days and this will be the first time the teams will play together before the World Championships.

This is the first year that the Junior National Teams are holding a training camp for the players. Sweden, the team

that beat the United States at the 2000 World Championships, has a month-long training camp for its team that is funded by the government. The players live and play together for a month before the tournament. The U.S. teams felt the need to be better prepared this time around.

The U.S. Junior National Teams don't have enough money to fund a month-long training camp, nor do they have enough money to pay for the players to get to Finland. Maloney and Fey have to pay for their own accommodations, including airfare and hotels. This will cost each of them upwards of \$2,000.

Although this is a lot of money, both players are just thrilled to have the opportunity to compete at such a high level. They both agree that making the teams has been the highlight of their year.

Maloney and Fey both began playing ultimate frisbee during their sophomore year of high school. Fey started out playing frisbee at camp and she was later coaxed into joining her high school's ultimate team.

"The team needed to have two girls on the field at all times. One day they didn't have enough girls and one of my friends who was on the team begged me to come play," she said. "So I went out just for the heck of it and I ended up loving it."

Maloney took up frisbee under very different circumstances. He began his high school career as a cyclist, but this all changed when he was in a terrible car accident.

"The accident screwed up my training schedule for that year and I decided, 'Hey, I'll just go around with frisbee for a while,'" he said. "I got hooked."

Maloney and Fey met before arriving at Mary Washington. Maloney lives in Richmond and Fey lives in Arlington, and they crossed paths while playing in the Virginia State Ultimate Tournament. They both knew that they wanted to continue playing ultimate in college.

"It's hard to explain the energy that's on a frisbee team," Fey said. "You get so intense and there is so much excitement."

Maloney agrees.

"As much as you might think it's just a hippie, barefoot sport, at the higher levels, it takes a lot of physical endurance and it gets very intense," he said.

The captains of the men's and women's ultimate teams at Mary Washington have nothing but positive things to say about their freshman stars.

"Jenny is a huge asset to the team," the women's captain, Lisa Koerner, said. "She's a great ultimate player and she is also very spirited."

"Connor is an extremely versatile player and also has great leadership abilities," said men's captain Andrew Duran. "He has a lot of experience because he has played at various levels of the game. Because of his experience, Connor has a great understanding of the game and is a huge asset to our team."

Both Maloney and Fey will continue to play ultimate over the summer on local league teams while preparing for what will undoubtedly be an amazing experience.



Dan Cox/Bullet

Freshmen Jenny Fey and Connor Maloney are preparing for the Ultimate Frisbee World Championships, which will take place in Finland this August. They will compete as members of the U.S. Junior National Teams.

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Baseball Falls In CAC Final

By AMANDA BURNHAM

Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College baseball team had a long weekend in the Capital Athletic Conference Championship Tournament, falling one win shy of the conference title. The Eagles matched up with the York Spartans on Saturday in their first game of the tournament. They defeated York 4-0 and advanced to the championship round where they faced rival Salisbury. Mary Washington (25-9, 9-4 CAC) played two hard fought games for the title, but lost both games, 8-0 and 4-3, respectively.

In Saturday morning's game against York (20-10, 7-4 CAC), the Eagles were led by senior lefty pitcher Stefan Schoen, who pitched a complete game shutout.

"Considering all of these tournament games are full nine-inning games, I think pitching the whole game went pretty well," Schoen said.

Schoen pitched masterfully, as he allowed only four hits, walked three, and struck out ten Spartans.

The game was a pitching duel for eight innings as neither team was able to get on the scoreboard. York junior pitcher Scott Schlafer came on in relief in the seventh inning and held the Eagles scoreless heading into the ninth.

Mary Washington was finally able to break through in the final inning. Freshman infielder Tom McDermott and senior catcher Robbie Wright started the inning off by getting on base via York errors. Junior outfielder Tim Stoner then walked to load the bases for the Eagles. Senior third baseman Marc Logan stepped up to the plate and hit a single to center field to bring McDermott and Wright home, giving MWC a 2-0 lead.

"Throughout these past couple of games, I have just found myself in an opportunity situation," Logan said. "When one of us finally

gets a hit like that in that situation, we all knew it was game over and we were ready for the championship."

The inning continued as there were still no outs, and junior outfielder Jon Hurd hit a long sacrifice fly to bring home Stoner with the Eagles' third run. Logan advanced to second on the play. After a hit by freshman shortstop Eric Fitzgerald sent Logan to third, freshman infielder Ray Moore hit an RBI single to give MWC a 4-0 lead.

After the game, the Eagles were looking ahead to the championship round on Sunday.

"We'll probably end up seeing Salisbury at the end, with them being the favorite," Logan said. "We'd much rather see St. Mary's though."

Logan's prediction was correct as the Seagulls defeated St. Mary's to advance to the championship against the Eagles. With the CAC Tournament designed in a double elimination format, Salisbury (26-9, 10-3 CAC) needed to beat Mary Washington twice in order to win the championship.

The Seagulls came out strong in the first game, scoring two first inning runs off of two Mary Washington errors, and they never looked back. Salisbury won the game easily, 8-



Salisbury celebrates their CAC Championship victory.

0, setting up a winner-takes-all game to determine the CAC Champion. Senior pitcher Mac Mollet allowed only four hits in a complete game shutout for the Seagulls.

Mary Washington bounced back strong from this tough defeat in the second game. Moore got a hit in the bottom of the third to bring home Fitzgerald, giving the Eagles an early 1-0 lead. Mary Washington held this advantage into the seventh inning.

Salisbury took the lead for good in the seventh

on a three-run homerun by Mollet. They scored another unearned run in the inning to push their lead to 4-1.

The Eagles fought back in the bottom of the ninth inning. Stoner hit an RBI single to center field to bring McDermott home. Hurd then singled to right field to bring in Stoner and cut Salisbury's lead to one. Mary Washington stranded the potential tying run at second base, however, and the game ended in a 4-3 victory for the Seagulls. This was Salisbury's third CAC Championship in the last four years.



Freshman Chris Anderson stands alone with his thoughts after the Eagles' heartbreaking loss.

Peter Kelley/Bullet

Lacrosse Goes Down Fighting

By LYNN COREY
Staff Writer

In the quarterfinal game of the men's lacrosse Capital Athletic Conference Championships between Mary Washington College and St. Mary's College, the two bitter rivals fought to the end, literally. As the first half wound down, a fight broke out between the teams. There was tension on the field for the remainder of the game and another fight erupted after the final whistle.

With all of the commotion, it was difficult to tell what really happened. From coach Kurt Glaeser's point of view, the first fight was caused by a hit after the whistle.

"Their kid came in late on our kid and we all got hot and bothered," Glaeser said.

Mary Washington, ranked twentieth in the nation, started the scoring two minutes into the game with a goal by sophomore attacker Greg Rose. Junior midfielder Dave Justen, senior mid-fielder Mark Malone, and junior attacker Mark Fiore also scored first half goals for the Eagles, but the team went into halftime trailing 6-4.

St. Mary's scored the only goal of the third quarter with 14 seconds left on the clock, bringing their lead to three.

In the fourth quarter, Mary Washington chipped away at their three-goal deficit. Senior attacker Matt Wiles scored a goal and assisted sophomore attacker Adam Castellani on another just 37 seconds later. This brought the Eagles to within one with seven minutes remaining in the game.

Three minutes later, St. Mary's came back with a goal, pushing their lead back to two at 8-6. Mary Washington was unable to score again until Wiles netted his second goal of the game with 36 seconds remaining. St. Mary's added an insurance goal with three seconds left in the game to bring the final score to 9-7.

After the whistle blew, the game was not over,



Andrew Deel/Bullet

A referee has to restrain sophomore Nick Martino during a fight at the end of the Eagles' season ending loss to St. Mary's.

however, as another fight broke out between the teams. Two Mary Washington players, junior Jamie Stoddard and freshman Brad Matson, were ejected from the game along with one St. Mary's player, Colin Curley.

"I had the ball at the end of the game and I got cheap-shot in the back," Curley said. "It all started in the first half. Both our teams were both emotional we just got fired up."

Curley commented that his teammate Miguel Snyder should have been ejected from the game as well, and Synder agreed.

"I came off the bench and I saw everybody

fighting. I saw it start and then all the kids started rushing out. Some dude, 24 or something, I saw him rushing out and then I was a dickhead," Synder said.

Both players agreed that the fight broke out because of the intense rivalry between the Eagles and Seahawks.

"It's a rival thing," Curley said. "This is the closest, our best rival. It happens."

After the game Glaeser told his team that he will look at the film of the game and anyone who feels is deserving will sit out the first couple of games of next year's season.

"That is not going to go, not on my watch," Glaeser said. "I don't know who started it. It was just ugly. It was a bar fight."

St. Mary's head coach Jayne Block was very disappointed with the actions of his players.

"It's not something I condone," Block said. "I didn't see a lot of it. I'm sorry that it happened. It kind of ruined a great game."

With the loss, the Eagles' season ends with a record of 10-4. Mary Washington and St. Mary's each had thirty shots in the game. Mary Washington senior goaltender Mike D'Eredita made 14 saves while his counterpart from St. Mary's made 10.

"I just thought they out played us," Glaeser said. "We just didn't have people step up, especially against their defense. I thought we created enough chances to score more goals, but we didn't. We've been inconsistent offensively all year. Our defense has kept us in games. I didn't think we played a very good offensive game."

"I thought Mary Washington was an unbelievable team," Block said. "I think their kids played pretty well. It's like a lot of games we played this year in the CAC. We just had the ball last and we got the goal. [It was] two pretty even teams."

Students Say: Racing Is A Sport

By AMANDA LAMB
Special To The Bullet

The long-term debate between racing fans and "non-fans" has been whether or not auto racing is truly a sport. According to Webster's Dictionary a sport is something that passes time pleasantly. Every Saturday and Sunday, millions of racing fans pass time by enjoying the Busch and Nextel Cup Series races.

Sports are more than a way to pass time, however. The athletes have to be fit and must have skill. The "non-fans" argue that racing solely consists of people driving a car in circles except for the occasional road course. Nothing to it, right?

Wrong. The driver has to be physically and mentally fit in order to steer an 800 horsepower racecar around a track at 200 mph. They also have to be talented.

Almost anybody who knows how to drive a manual transmission can get into a racecar and ride around on the track. However, only a select few have the talent to keep their car out of the wall, weave their car around others, and block other cars.

Like any other sport, the drivers in any race series compete for a victory and the season ultimately leads to a championship. Granted, they don't hold playoffs like football, basketball, hockey, soccer, and baseball; the drivers win a championship based on how many points they have accumulated over the course of the season.

Auto racing shares similar characteristics with other sports. The drivers, in a sense, are athletes just like a player of another sport. Racing is definitely a sport.

By ASHLIE BISCOE
Special To The Bullet

Throughout the 53-year history of NASCAR, racing has proven itself time and time again as a bona-fide sport.

Those who argue against auto racing as a sport claim that driving a car around a track does not require any training or skill, and that it does not constitute a sporting event. A glance at the details of NASCAR racing tells a different story.

Drivers on the Nextel Circuit spend countless hours preparing for each race. They deal with differences in tracks, adjustments to cars, the aerodynamics of good racing, and much more. Not to mention driving a car at speeds near 200 mph around a track shared with about 40 other cars who want the win, often maintaining only a two-foot cushion between their racecar and someone else's.

There is much more to successful racing than many people realize. NASCAR racing requires a great deal of practice and skill.

Drivers are scored using a points system that judges them on a variety of characteristics. Good engineering and technical knowledge is a must for a race team to be successful.

On that note, I conclude that racing is just as much a sport as tennis, or football, or any other competition that requires effort, preparation, and skill.

Despite the views of these two students, The Bullet sports staff still says that racing is not a sport.



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Students Gravitate Toward "Moon Bounce"

Randolph/Mason Halls Sponsor State Fair

By Melissa Ng
Staff Writer

It was easy to find the Randolph/Mason State Fair that was being held on April 16 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. by the large, colorful, inflatable obstacle course located between these two residence halls.

The fair consisted of cotton candy, corn dogs, kabobs, beverages, snow cones, and live music courtesy Hunkel-funk.

Nothing was going to keep students from running through the obstacle course.

"Awesome," said sophomore Kerensa Green. "I'm doing it in my dress."

Some students were not too keen on the idea of the obstacle course.

"People who are going down that thingy are f---ing crazy," said junior Lisa Maloney.

Maloney's friend agreed.

"Who does that?" said freshman Katie Donahue.

Nobody could discourage freshman Anuj Phull from participating in the obstacle course.

"I already raced on the Moon Bounce [inflatable obstacle course]," Phull said. "I'm tied one to one and I'm ready to race again."

Junior Dan Bouchard could hardly wait to race with the arrival of the obstacle course.

"When it first came, I jumped in it," Bouchard said. "You cannot go wrong if you live in your childhood."

Junior Daniel Knorr spoke about his time in the Moon Bounce.

"The experience was exhilarating and orgasmic," Knorr said. "It made sex look boring unless it was with another person."

Many students were attracted to the fair due to the great weather.

"The weather is gorgeous, dude. It was a favor from God," Green said. "I was like, 'God, we need some sun.'"

Senior Paul Weisbar described the positive aspects about the fair.

"Great weather, great times and great people," Weisbar said.

Others came for the social aspect.

"It is a great place to meet old and new friends," Green said. "There is cotton candy. There is no other place to get to know people and bond over a sticky substance."

Bouchard was found with sticky blue hands. The blue dye was from the blue raspberry snow cones.



Peter Kelley/Bullet

Above: Hunkel-funk invited Senior Paul Cook to perform with them. Right: Junior Daniel Knorr finishes off the inflatable obstacle course with a somersault.

"Some people were born knowing what they want to do in life," Bouchard said. "My calling is snow cone making."

Bouchard made snow cones for the fair for everyone. He was located to the right of the cotton candy machine.

"I have cotton candy all over the left side of my shirt," Bouchard said.

The bands were popular, especially Hunkel-funk. People set out their blankets just to watch them.

Senior Eric Gomes was at the fair with his parents and younger brother.

"My family was on spring break and they decided to visit their 'prodigal son,'" he said. "I stopped by to watch my friend senior Eddie Dickerson play in his band Hunkel-funk."

He was not the only Hunkel-funk fan in the audience.

"I came to support Hunkel-funk," Weisbar said. "I know all the members of the band. They have the best guitarist, (senior Erik Spahr), on this side of the Mississippi and it is a shame that he's not playing here today."

Some upperclassmen came because they used to live in the residence halls sponsoring the fair.

"Randolph is my home stamp of ground," McGregor said.



Peter Kelley/Bullet

Like typical college students, many of the students came for the free food.

"It is awesome," Weisbar said. "People who aren't here are missing out. There are cotton candy and free drinks."

Freshman Jenn Knowles had an eye-opening new experience at the state fair.

"It was my first time I had a corn dog," Knowles said. "It was quite exciting."

"I am definitely eating my dinner here," Bouchard said. "Why eat at Seaco, when there is actually good food here?"

Junior and president of Randolph Hall Jeremy Crist said that he expected more than 400 students to come enjoy the afternoon's festivities.

The idea of the State Fair came from Crist. He said that it was originally supposed to be a barbecue but decided to change that idea into

something different.

"A State Fair with food on a stick seemed more attractive," Crist said. "I definitely think that this was a success. It was better than I had even imagined."

The funding for the fair came from Hall Council and a grant from Association of Resident Halls (ARH).

"The cost of this fair was approximately \$1,000," Crist said. "It took about a month's worth of planning. I got the soda last night. It took me about 20 trips to bring in the cases of soda from my car to Randolph and back out and so forth."

As the event came to a close, Crist took one last look at its surroundings.

"This is one hell of a way to go out as president of a residence hall," Crist said.

Performance Converts A Strong Beyoncé Fan

Concert Featured Artists Beyoncé, Alicia Keys, Missy Elliot, And Tamia

First Person

By Portia Smith
Associate Editor Emeritus

I was half asleep, but I still remember her saying those four words.

"You want to go?" said my coworker Adele Phaus, who had tickets to the Beyoncé concert in Washington, D.C.

Do I want to go? Was she kidding? She was offering me tickets to the hottest show in the country, and might I add they were free tickets. Of course I want to go.

The show included Beyoncé, Alicia Keys, Missy Elliot and Tamia at the MCI Center. Something came up last minute and she wasn't able to attend the concert, which was the same night.

"Are you sure you can make it tonight?" she asked me.

I went through my mental list of things to do:

Two-page paper due for class.
Send out graduation announcements.
Read a couple of chapters for Anthropology.
Deadline night for *The Bullet*.

And finally, do laundry.
"Yeah, I can make it," I said.

Besides getting free tickets to a concert, this had to be the worst day ever. I had to pick only one friend, my buddy senior Ernie Thompson, to take with me, find something clean to wear since I hadn't done laundry, fight 12 rounds just to get my hair to look cute, and switch cars because mine overheated on the way.

Thompson and I got in our seats at 7:23 p.m., and we were both disappointed because we missed Tamia's act. The woman that sat beside me said she only sang for about 10 minutes. The word on the street is that Tamia, the wife of NBA star Grant Hill, has multiple sclerosis and that's why she didn't do a long performance.

Missy Elliot was already on stage getting the crowd hyped up. The female emcee was the highlight of the night. She sang, played the piano, conducted her band, and danced a little. Her dancing wasn't all that great, but it didn't matter. Her vocals were flawless. She gave all that she had on songs like "If I Ain't Got You," "How Come You Don't Call Me" and "You Don't Know My Name."

Before singing "A Woman's Worth," she asked if there were any real men in the house. The boy sitting in front of me who couldn't have been any older than five years old raised his hand high and started jumping up and down.

On her song "Slow Down," Keys laid across her piano very seductively. You should have seen

When she got back on stage she said something about the best magic trick ever. She went backstage. We waited. And she didn't come back out. I was pissed.

For the next 45 minutes, we were forced to listen to track after track of Phil Collins and the artist formerly known as Prince as the stage crew set up. I like them both, but for 45 minutes straight, it was torture.

Finally, Alicia Keys hit the stage.

The 23-year-old singer/pianist did her thing. She sang, played the piano, conducted her band, and danced a little. Her dancing wasn't all that great, but it didn't matter. Her vocals were flawless. She gave all that she had on songs like "If I Ain't Got You," "How Come You Don't Call Me" and "You Don't Know My Name."

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Thompson's jaw drop, it was funny. Once she knew she had the attention of every guy in the audience, she showed how much talent she really had. She reached over to the keyboard and played a tune while still laying on top of the piano. The audience went wild. Now we know why she calls herself "Kruecial Keys."

I went to Washington, D.C. a huge Beyoncé fan, but when I left I was an even bigger fan of Keys, and by the sound of the applause everyone else did too.

Before Beyoncé's performance, a bunch of

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From One Guitar God To Another

By Conor Reilly
Editor-In-Chief Emeritus

The legend begins with a poor sharecropper's son named Robert Johnson born in 1911. He learned to play the guitar while he grew up on the Mississippi Delta, but he wasn't good at it—until he went to the crossroads and sold his soul to the devil.

By 1937 Johnson had recorded 29 blues songs. By 1938 he was dead, apparently poisoned by a jealous man. Some thought it was Satan, who gave Johnson his prodigious guitar skills at the crossroads, collecting the soul that was due.

None have been more influential in immortalizing the legend of Robert Johnson than Eric Clapton.

In recent years Clapton has returned to the blues roots he came to know as a young English boy. And his recent offering to the genre, "Me and Mr. Johnson," is a collection of 14 of those 29 lamentations.

It's not the first time Clapton has covered the old bluesman's music. With ease, he rendered the classic "Crossroads" and later performed "Malted Milk" and "Walkin' Blues" on his "Unplugged" album.

This album, though, seems to be a tribute from one guitar god to another.

Clapton happens to be an aging guitar god and the 59-year-old's album reflects that.

The arrangements are simple, and some critics say predictable and lacking passion. But the blues are by nature simple and predictable. The music is mathematical in a way, and Clapton plays the songs with little flair, much like Johnson did in the 1930s.

While Johnson accompanied himself only on the acoustic guitar, Clapton has a full band backing him on the album.

The lyrics are given a prominent place on many of the tracks. The band, and even Clapton's usually fiery guitar, stays out of the

way of the poetic verses that Johnson wrote 70 years ago.

On "Me and the Devil Blues," Clapton captures the pain Johnson had in his voice when he sings, "You may bury my body/down by the highway side/So my old evil spirit/can catch a Greyhound bus and ride." He even punctuates the lines with falsetto "oohs" that Johnson included in his own work.

And the song that stays the truest to Johnson's original track is "Traveling Riverside Blues." Clapton plays the electric slide guitar, and the fretwork is brilliant as usual. But the song is lyrically similar to "Crossroads" and it's a result, Clapton's strained voice lends itself well to the song.

The 14 songs are all musically different in subtle—and often not-so-subtle—ways. Along with the typical depressed tones normally associated with the blues are boisterous songs such as "They're Red Hot" and "32-20 Blues." There are seductive songs such as "Come On In My Kitchen." And when the album is played completely, it represents the breadth of work Johnson was able to contribute to the blues canon in such a short life.

This new album also addresses the recent debate amongst blues scholars. Namely, whether Robert Johnson was as important to the development of America's only native musical form as was once thought.

With the release "Me and Mr. Johnson," Clapton tells us emphatically that he was indeed.

Eric Clapton will be on tour to promote the new album. He'll be at the MCI Center June 21.

Are You A Devil Or A Goat?

By Mary Weber
Special To The Bullet

Class Council sponsors the annual tradition of Devil/Goat day on Thursday, April 22.

Devil/Goat Day is a tradition started in the 1900s where a year-long competition would take place between the classes. The odd numbered classes are the Devils (2005 and 2007) and the even numbered classes are the Goats (2004 and 2006).

Freshman class council members, President Tessa Merna, Vice President Jenna Baker, Secretary/Treasurer Kim Church and Promotions Maggie Kelley have been organizing this event since September after their elections.

In the former days, the competition would last all year and students held strong pride with their particular symbol.

This year, the Devil/Goat Day is not to be a competition between the classes, but a stress-reliever and party for all.

"Devil Goat Day encompasses all aspects of a great event," Kelley said. "No cost, an absurd amount of food, free t-shirts (600), free cups, and various entertaining games. It also comes at a perfect time when we all need a release from the stress of classes coming to an end. Honestly, who

could resist taking a break from studying to spin around in the "Human Sphere" or race down campus walk on the "Gotta-Go Racers?" Devil Goat Day is basically an event where college students can run around like little kids at a carnival and it's okay."

Other games include a rock wall, velcro wall, bouncy boxing, and jousting. Food consists of pizza, sodas, cotton candy and popcorn.

"Devil/Goat Day is a historic campus event," Merna said. "This even t has been around since the time of the school opened. The amount of activities we have for this event surpasses any other campus event."

Giant Productions is providing The Bridge to play for live music. The best part, it's all free to students, courtesy Class Council.

Class Council encourages students to come out and grab some free food, jam to live music, and de-stress with fun and exciting games.

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It's The Students' Job

By EMILY SALA
Viewpoints Editor

It will never be our Dining Services' job to teach students how to interact with their professors.

Sara Kenney marvels over something that is neither rare nor shocking.

There are plenty of ways in which students and professors can mingle and share ideas and get to know one another a bit better. It is quite common on this campus for students to interact

with faculty outside of a classroom. Not only are there department picnics and receptions and parties and field trips, but there are also other settings and opportunities as well.

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President George W. Bush.



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PRISM gathered on Wednesday at noon to hold hands and participate in a moment of silence to fight homophobia. The vigil was part of a campus-wide effort to eliminate discrimination towards sexual minorities.

GW Employs New Registrar

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Mary Washington College's James Monroe Center.

When asked what it was like to be handling responsibilities on two campuses, Ginter said it "takes a bit of coordination to get everyone on the same page."

Ginter appears not to be phased by the large responsibility of the registrar's position. Instead, she is focusing on tasks at hand.

"Our biggest challenge right now is that the College is switching software systems for student records," Ginter said.

Ginter said she hopes to one day make it so that students are able to look up their degree requirements on the web.

Ginter's transition to Mary Washington College encompassed more than just getting acclimated to her job.

She had to relocate.

Moving from Mississippi to Virginia provided somewhat of a climate change.

Ginter recently moved to Lake Anna to be closer to Mary Washington College.

"I like the area," Ginter said. "But I was getting a bit tired of the cold weather."

Along with her taste for warmer climates, Ginter brought 18 years of work experience with her to Mary Washington College.

Ginter was previously employed at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi where she served for five years as the registrar. This was after she worked her way from records clerk to associate registrar in a matter of 13 years at Wake Forest University.

According to a campus news release, Ginter earned her bachelor's degree from Wake Forest College in 1981 and her Masters of Business from the Babcock Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest University in 1996.

Campus Police: Exposed

By CONOR REILLY
Editor-In-Chief Emeritus

It usually takes Officer Frank Newman four hours to lock up all the buildings on campus. That is, of course, if he doesn't get interrupted.

Tonight, he starts with Combs Hall.

Over his college police uniform, Newman wears a navy blue jacket and baseball cap that says "MWC Police" because it's unseasonably cold. He walks by every door and tugs on the doorknobs, making sure they are locked. Occasionally one is open.

"Campus police," Newman shouts as he turns on the lights. "Anybody here?"

Nowbody answers, so he takes out his key ring and fiddles through the 50 or so keys before finding the right one. He locks the door and takes the elevator to the third floor to lock upstairs.

-10:07 p.m. - Lost purse

Newman finished locking up Combs and was driving to George Washington Hall when the first interruption came over the radio. A female student lost her purse, the dispatcher said.

"Nine - sixteen to headquarters, I'll take care of it," he said into his radio. "This throws off your rhythm."

He drove back to Lee Hall and rode the elevator up a floor to the campus police station where the student and her friend were waiting.

Newman took out his notepad and wrote down the contents of the purse: credit cards, cell phone, cash, driver's license, and what she called "so some femininities." She remembered having her purse at the Eagles Nest, so she thought it may have been lost there.

Newman suspected that the purse was stolen, and said it was probably long gone. He said she should cancel the credit cards immediately, and the cell phone too.

She thanked him and left.

Now Newman had to file a report, so he took out his old



Officer Frank Newman.

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Remington Ten Forty typewriter that he's had since the seventies.

He worked as a Fairfax County police officer for 15 years and carried the typewriter even though their cars were outfitted with new computers.

Whenever he had to write reports, he simply flipped down the computer screen, set the typewriter on top and pecked his report out the old fashioned way.

Newman was in the middle of typing when the students returned. They found her purse at the Eagles Nest. A cashier had it.

"Well that's good," he said as he ripped the report up.

He grabbed his jacket and hat and set out to pick up where he left off.

10:45 p.m. - Locking up

Newman moved methodically through George Washington Hall, then went on to lock Seacobeck.

This pace at Mary Washington College is much slower than Fairfax, he said, but it suited him just fine.

He grew up in Russell, Ky., population 3,653. "It's the greatest place in the whole world," he said.

He excelled as a blocking back and offensive tackle for his high school football team.

Newman's mother passed away when he was 15 years old and he considered quitting high school. But his football coach stepped in, and made sure he finished.

He won a football scholarship to Wilmington

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Bush Addresses Nation, MWC Students React

By COREY BYERS
Assistant News Editor

"America's commitment to freedom in Iraq is consistent with our ideals, and required by our interests," President George W. Bush said at a rare press conference held on April 14.

"Iraq will either be a peaceful, democratic country, or it will again be a source of violence, a haven for terror, and a threat to America and to the world."

During the one-hour, televised, press conference the president not only answered questions but began the evening's event with a speech.

Before taking questions from reporters, the president gave an approximately seventeen-minute long statement regarding the American

military presence in Iraq.

He started out by addressing the recent violence against U.S. soldiers in the country. Bush said attacks on soldiers were coming from leftover supporters of Saddam Hussein's regime, along with Islamic militants.

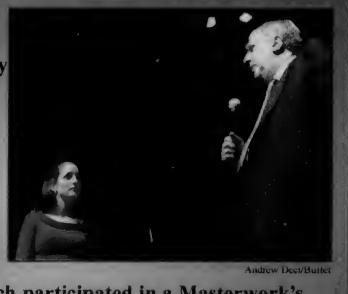
He also blamed riots and attacks in the southern part of Iraq on Al-Sadr, a radical cleric. Bush said Al-Sadr has openly supported terrorist groups in that region.

Bush also said the attacks are not popular uprisings by the Iraqi people and "most Iraqis...reject violence and oppose dictatorship." He explained why it is important for American troops to remain there.

"By helping to secure a free Iraq, Americans serving in that country are protecting their fellow

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Marvin Hamlisch, conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra and composer of "A Chorus Line," critiques a performance by Laura Yanez, a freshman at James Madison University. Hamlisch participated in a Masterwork's class Tuesday morning, sponsored by the Department of Music.



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New Registrar Welcomed

By STEPHANIE TAIT
Staff Writer

This March, Mary Washington College welcomed its newest registrar.

According to a campus news release, Judy Lynn Ginter was hired to fill the open registrar's position. "It's a beautiful campus," Ginter said. "Everyone's been really nice."

The registrar position opened in July when the previous registrar, Susan Stevenson, left her position for personal reasons.

Since then, John Morello, the assistant vice president of academic affairs, has been filling in the registrar's position.

"It was hard," Morello said. "But it was made as easy as possible by the excellent staff of the registrar's office."

According to Morello, this has not been the first time he stepped in as registrar. This time however, things were a little different.

"Not only did I have to reacquaint myself with office procedures," Morello said, "but now that the James Monroe Center has grown, it adds more responsibility."

One big job especially has added a lot of work to the registrar's position. Mary Washington College is switching software systems for

student records. This factor played into the hiring process for the open registrar's position.

According to Morello, who was head of the hiring committee, the College was looking for a candidate who has worked with switching computer programs.

"Ms. Ginter was heavily involved in a system change when she worked at Millsaps College," Morello said. "She was a key person in the data conversion process."

Ginter also previously worked at Wake Forest University, which, along with Millsaps, has a liberal arts program.

"The committee thought that Ms. Ginter's previous work at liberal arts colleges would give her an understanding of how Mary Washington College works," Morello said.

As acting registrar, Ginter will be in charge of things such as supervising the activities and staff of the registrar's office, preparing course schedule publications, supervising the transfer credit evaluation process, distributing grade rosters and reports, certifying candidates for graduation and issuing diplomas.

On top of that, Ginter will also be responsible for managing the student records activities at

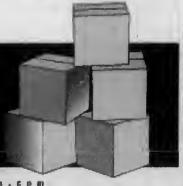
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